

REMARKS

Prior to examination, please amend the specification and claims as indicated.

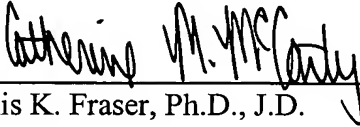
Applicants amended the specification to provide the priority claim. Applicants amended claims 4-6, 9-11, and 14-21, and cancelled claims 8, 12, and 13. Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 14-21 are presented for examination.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Applicants submit herewith a check for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 06275-436US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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